

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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SRINIVAS GUTTA ET AL

US040049

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTION OF CONTENT USING

BIOMETRIC WATERMARKS

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: